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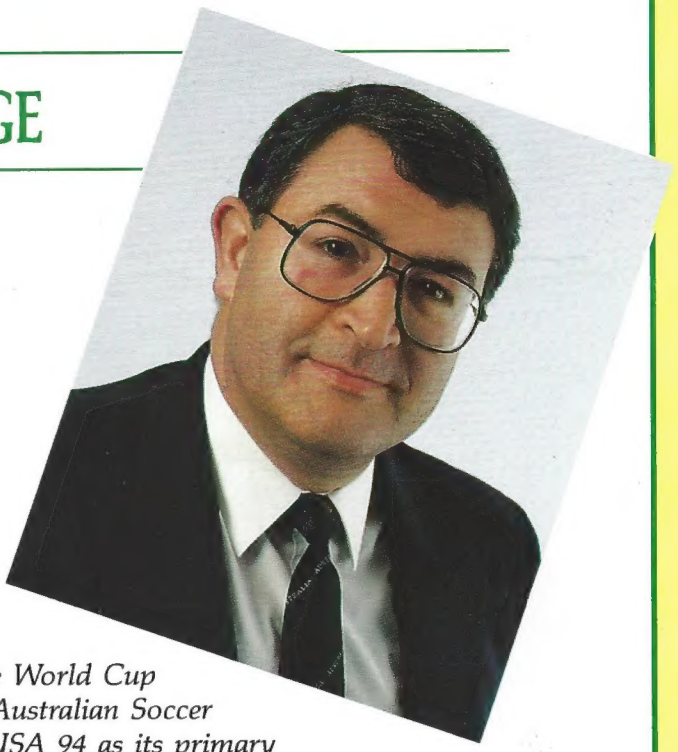

ON BEHALF OF the Australian Soccer Federation I would like to welcome the officials and players of the Argentine Football Association to Australia for this FIFA World Cup qualifying match at the Sydney Football Stadium.

It is truly an historic night for both countries. For the ***Coca-Cola*** *Socceroos we are now only two games away from the ultimate dream, to qualify for the World Cup Finals in the United States next year. The Australian Soccer Federation has always seen qualifying for USA 94 as its primary goal. We have not held back to give our coaches and players all the resources necessary to prepare them. As a result of our commitment, we now see the National Team on the verge of making history. Tonight's game is the biggest and most important match to be played in Australia for almost twenty years.*

To our opponents, they return to the Sydney Football Stadium with vivid memories of the 1988 Bicentennial Cup. That day it was Australia who were the victors. Since then we have only met each other once, in 1992 when Argentina was victorious. Tonight we play for the biggest prize of all, a place in USA 94.

The Australian Soccer Federation would like to thank the continued support of its major sponsors: the Coca-Cola System, major sponsors of the ***Coca-Cola*** *Socceroos, the Australian Sports Commission and the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation. They have all played their part in getting Australian Soccer, at all levels, to its present healthy state.*

Tonight's game is the highlight of what has been a remarkable year for soccer in this country. In March the Australian Soccer Federation hosted the FIFA/ Coca-Cola Cup. For two weeks, Australia hosted the youth of the world and soccer became the focus of the nation. The ***Coca-Cola*** *Young Socceroos finished a credible fourth, reinforcing our strength at youth level. The* ***Coca-Cola*** *Joeys (Under-17) made the quarter finals of the FIFA/JVC Cup, losing to eventual Cup winners Nigeria. We also hosted New Zealand and Canada in World Cup Qualifiers and saw the Italian glamour club A.C. Milan play two matches against the* ***Coca-Cola*** *Socceroos.*

Finally, the Australian Soccer Federation would like to thank the thousands of football fans here tonight for their support of soccer in this country. We look forward to the two match series against Argentina and the continued growth of Australian Soccer.

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ARGENTINA HAS a soccer history dating from the mid 19th century.

General Jose de San Martin, with a little help from the Irish born Admiral Guillermo "William" Brown, assisted in gaining Argentine independence in the early 19th century. This independence encouraged both commerce and migration. The British, in both fields, were amongst the early arrivals. They brought with them their sports, mainly cricket, polo, soccer, rugby, tennis and hockey — very often combining them into one club.

Cricket has largely faded away but in all other sports Argentina has not only reached world class but is often the leader. Their Rugby, motor racing, tennis, boxing as well as soccer are known world wide.

Argentina arrive in Australia for the penultimate match to decide whether the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos or the Argentine International XI will proceed to the United States for the final play-offs in the World Cup.

Argentina has an excellent record in the World Cup, having reached the finals on four occasions and having been the victors in two of those encounters. They had the honour in 1978 of hosting the World Cup on their excellent football grounds, not only in Buenos Aires but also in Rosario, Cordoba and Mendoza, amongst others.

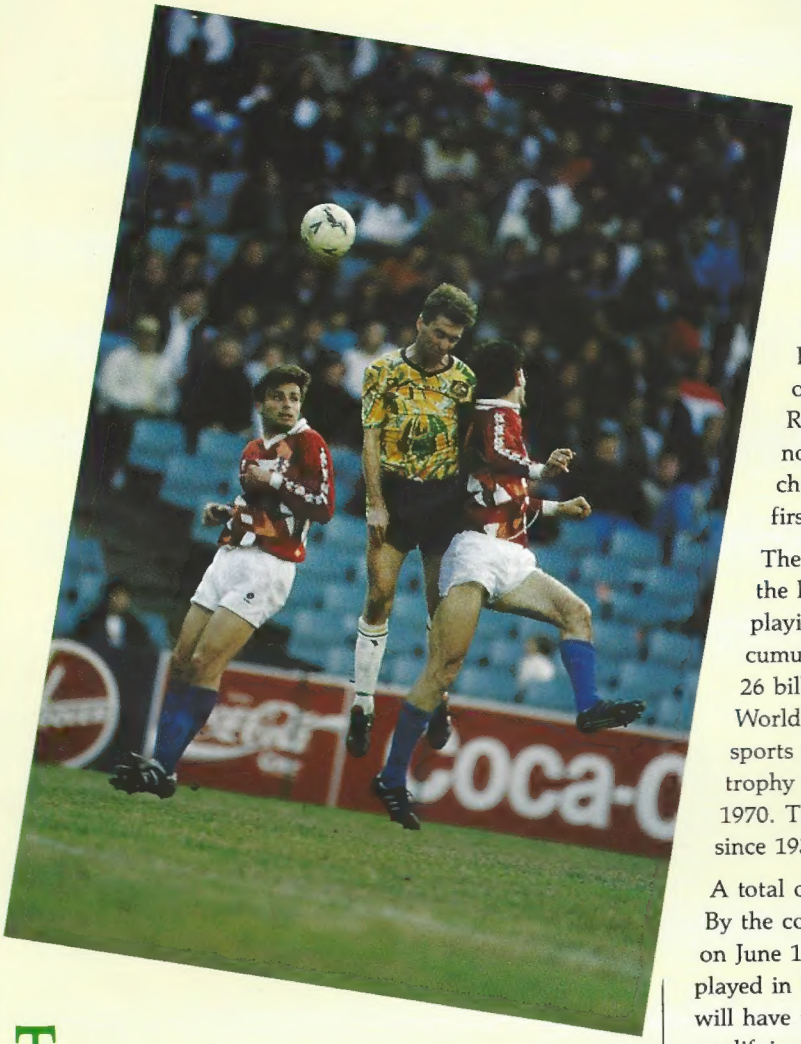
Their enthusiasm for the game, at home, has to be seen when they arrive with painted faces, drums, trumpets and anything which will make a noise producing a cacophony of sound throughout the whole match.

During the course of their World Cup campaigns they have produced some of the greatest soccer players in the world, and today Maradona is regarded as one of those players. They place him on an equal throne with the great Pele.

Defending world champion Germany will face Argentina in a rematch of the 1986 and 1990 World Cup Finals when the two soccer powers collide in the "Champions Challenge" on December 15 at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida. This coincides with the final draw in the USA for the World Cup matches.

Germany and Argentina are two of the most prolific soccer countries in the world. In addition to its 1990 title, Germany won the World Cup in 1974 and 1954 and finished as runner-up in 1986, 1982 and 1966. Argentina has won two world championships — 1986 and 1978 — and advanced to the Final in 1990 and 1930.

THE WORLD CUP



THE FIFA WORLD CUP is the world's largest single-sport event. More than one billion people watched the 1990 World Cup final on television, triple the audience that watched the 1969 landing on the moon.

The World Cup evolved from its original roots in the Olympic movement of the early twentieth century, particularly the games of the 1920s. Fourteen nations participated in the 1920 Antwerp Olympics; 22, including the first Olympic representatives from South America, Asia and Africa, travelled to Paris in 1924; and 17 went to Amsterdam in 1928. It became clear to some in soccer's world governing body, FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association), that the Olympic Games, not FIFA, were producing the recognised world champion.

Two years later, May 26, 1928, FIFA announced plans to run its own competition, and the World Cup was born. The FIFA Congress, led by President Jules Rimet, passed a declaration stating that FIFA would "organise a competition open to representative teams of all affiliated national associations". The first World Cup tournament was awarded to Uruguay in 1930. Held between the post-war redevelopment of Europe and the Great Depression, this initial tournament found itself without a single European entrant only two months prior to the opening ceremonies. After forceful lobbying by Rimet, four European nations arrived, but nobody could unseat the defending Olympic champion and host nation, as Uruguay won the first of its two championships.

The World Cup tournament has flourished over the last 60 years, attracting nearly every soccer-playing nation to its qualifying phase and a cumulative worldwide television audience of 26 billion people during the 1990 games. Today, the World Cup trophy remains the single most coveted sports trophy in the world. The original World Cup trophy was retired by Brazil after its third title in 1970. The event has been contested every four years since 1930 except in the war years (1942 and 1946).

A total of 141 nations entered the 1994 World Cup. By the commencement of the first game, to be played on June 17, 1994, more than 500 qualification matches, played in FIFA's six world zones, called Confederations, will have taken place. After two years of these qualifying matches, 22 teams will emerge to challenge defending champion Germany and the US, the host nation, for the XV FIFA World Cup.

Originally, the tournament was fixed at 16 teams, but current FIFA President Joao Havelange lobbied for and won an increase to 24 finalists for the 1982 World Cup. This expansion has proven beneficial for world soccer, particularly in the game's developing regions. Since 1974 when Dr Havelange assumed the presidency of FIFA, he has been determined to widen the scope of soccer, far beyond the traditional reach of the European-South American axis. Today, Africa is guaranteed three spots, Asia and North and Central America and the Caribbean two each.

THE WORLD CUP TROPHIES

The World Cup is the most sought-after sports trophy in the world. Actually, there have been two world cup trophies in the 60 year history of the competition, and the original had a turbulent history.

After FIFA agreed to organize the first World Cup in 1930, French sculptor Abel LaFleur created a solid gold

winner's trophy. The trophy, an octagonal cup held in upstretched arms of the goddess of Victory, sat on a pedestal of semi-precious stones.

Though this trophy is known as the Jules Rimet Cup — named after the FIFA president who initiated the World Cup tournament — it was not actually given that name until after World War II, being known simply as the World Cup at the first three competitions. The trophy was finally retired from competition in 1970 and presented permanently to Brazil, at that time the only three-time World Cup winner.

The statuette was hidden under a bed in Italy during World War II to protect it from the invading forces and then was stolen from a public exhibition just prior to the 1966 tournament in England. Though Scotland Yard was called to the case, the irreplaceable trophy was finally located in a suburban trash heap by a mongrel dog named "Pickles".

But there was no Pickles when in 1983 the trophy was again stolen in Brazil and evidently melted down by criminals. The Brazilian Football Association replaced it with a duplicate.

The present-day World Cup was donated by FIFA for the 1974 tournament after studying 53 designs. Silvio Gazzaniga, an Italian sculptor, created the 18 carat solid gold trophy which he described as follows: "The lines spring out of the base, rising in spirals, stretching out to receive the world. From the remarkable dynamic tensions of the body of the sculpture rise the figures of two athletes at the stirring moment of victory."

It is only 36 centimetres (14 inches) tall and weighs 4970 grams (11 pounds), but anyone who has held it knows the thrill and can understand why nations, teams and athletes pursue it.

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THE Coca-Cola SOCCEROOS' WORLD CUP MISSION

By JOHN TAYLOR

MANY WOULD CONSIDER Australia's chances of conquering Argentina in the World Cup play-offs akin to a novice mountain-climber trying to scale Mt Everest.

And if you need further proof of the mountainous task ahead for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos, just look to the latest FIFA world rankings. The computed formula has the two-fold world champions 9th, compared to Australia's 61st place. And who would have expected Australia to be playing against Diego Maradona — not only a late call up to the Argentinian team but to be made captain again?

On that score, what really is the point of Australia playing these two qualifying legs against the South American champions and a country where soccer means just as much to people as their religious beliefs?

The Argies, under coach Alfio Basile, went 31 games without defeat — that's until the away meeting with Colombia on August 15. The Colombians won 2-1 but no-one in their wildest dreams would have expected Argentina to come a cropper at home three weeks later. The Argies' 5-0 defeat stunned the world; meant Colombia gained a ticket to the US '94 finals and put Basile's men in a home and away play-off with Australia — a soccer country that has made the world sit up and take notice at under-17, under-20 and under-23 level but has not qualified for the senior World Cup finals since 1974.

Come November 13, it will be 20 years since that historic day in Hong Kong when Australia beat South Korea 1-0 in a third qualifier to gain entry to the finals in Germany.

No-one can dispute that the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos didn't have their share of skilful players in that era — Adrian Alston, Atti Abonyi, Branko Buljevic and Doug Utjesenovic were terribly gifted players. But they didn't have the opportunity to carve out a name for themselves with foreign clubs like the cream of Australia's soccer players today. Alston, of course, had a flirtation with English soccer but the main reason why Australia has been able to close the gap on the Football Establishment is that half of coach Eddie Thomson's squad are mixing it as full-time professionals in Europe.

Strikers Frank Farina and David Mitchell and midfielder Robbie Slater found their way to Europe five years ago, while striker Graham Arnold has been there for three years and Aurelio Vidmar two. There was a time when Italian club Bari paid $M4.5 to Club Brugges for Farina. It is a career move Farina regrets but it made him a wealthy man.

Farina showed the knockers in the dramatic second qualifying leg against Canada in Sydney the benefits of playing professionally. His goal — an overhead kick — was one of the most difficult to score and the Argentinian defence will be glad he's suspended for the clash at the Sydney Football Stadium.

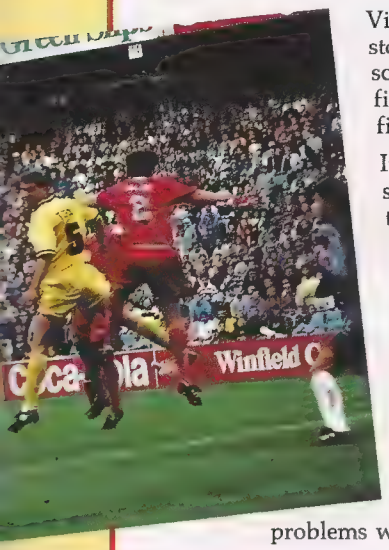
Slater, who has made a name for himself in the French first division with Lens, is like a machine the way he gets up and down the line. The charismatic flanker makes things happen.

His club values him at $M1.5.

Goalscorers are worth their weight in gold. Slater maintains that Arnold could have gone a lot further but undersold himself. He proved himself in Holland before switching to the Belgian League. More in the mould of a battler, he has been forced to play the "lone ranger" role under the Thomson system which has been widely criticised ever since Thommo became national coach.

But the modern game is all about mobility and Thomson knew exactly what he was doing when he

chose wide, attacking players. Thomson's system is all about support play.



Vidmar took the Belgian league by storm last season with his goal-scoring exploits and he could well find himself being an influential figure against the Argies.

It's fair to say that Australia's style of the 90's is more European than the boring, long ball game that was part and parcel of our national team for so long — an exception being the 1974 Socceroos.

However, if there's one player the current national squad lacks, it is a playmaker — someone in the Oscar Crino mould.

The creative skills of Carlos Valderrama caused enormous problems when Argentina played Colombia.

Coca-Cola Socceroo boss Thomson tried something different in the cut-throat second qualifying leg against Canada by giving Ned Zelic the playmaker's role. Zelic is Australia's hottest piece of property. Graceful and cocky, Zelic was a first-year hit at Borussia Dortmund and it seems only a matter of time before he finds his way to Italy. Today he is talked of as a $M5 player. While probably more comfortable at sweeper, Zelic has the vision and turn of pace to make a huge success in midfield. And to think that he left Australia as a player valued at $600,000.

Is there a better one-on-one marker in Australian soccer than Adelaide City-based Milan Ivanovic?

Ivanovic never thought he'd get a "look in" while coach Thomson preferred Zelic as the sweeper. Australia's man of the match, forgetting goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer's heroics in the penalty shoot out against Canada in Sydney, was Ivanovic.

The Australian backline of (Mark Bosnich or Robert Zabica), Tony Vidmar, Ivanovic, Alex Tobin, Mehmet Durakovic and Jason van Blerk could be the real heroes in the showdown with Argentina.

The Argies come to Sydney wounded.

Oscar Ruggeri knows that Australians are a sporting nation of fighters. Ruggeri, suspended for this Cup qualifier, was here for the 1988 Gold Cup when Australia recorded one of its greatest soccer triumphs — a 4-1 victory over Argentina.

Argentina gained sweet revenge with a 2-0- win over the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos at the River Plate Stadium 15 months ago.

Even though Argentina boasted Batistuta, Caniggia, Rodrigues, Redondo, Ruggeri and Goycochea, they were aided by a controversial penalty.

Coca-Cola Socceroo coach Thomson must take great heart in the fact that Farina, Arnold and Slater didn't play at the River Plate.

There's such things in life as miracles. If Thomson's men make it to the United States it will go down as one of Australia's magnificent sporting achievements.

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Coca-Cola Socceroos Player Profiles

ARNOLD, Graham

3.8.63 • Striker • RC Liegeois (Belgium)
Ht: 184 cms • Wt: 87 kgs
"A" Internationals: 42 • Goals: 15

One of the toughest players to have pulled on an Australian strip, Graham loves to play for his country, especially at World Cup level. Played with **Coca-Cola** Soccer League Club Sydney CSC before moving to Dutch 1st Division club, Roda JC where he completed two seasons. Then moved to RC Liegeois in Belgium. Made his **Coca-Cola** Socceroo debut against Red Star in 1985. Graham scored over 50 goals in 5 seasons with Sydney CSC.

ZABICA, Robert

9.4.64 • Goalkeeper • Adelaide City
Ht: 185 cms • Wt: 92 kgs
"A" Internationals: 25

Played for Dalmatinac in Perth prior to joining **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club, Adelaide City, in 1988. He represented South Australia in 1990 and 1991 and made his debut for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos in February 1990 against Moscow Torpedo in Melbourne where he kept a clean sheet with the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos winning 3-0. Was reinstated as Australia's No. 1 'keeper following the withdrawal of Mark Bosnich from representative duties.

WADE, Paul

20.3.63 • Midfielder • South Melbourne
Ht: 181 cms • Wt: 72 kgs
"A" Internationals: 63 • Goals: 10

Born in England, Paul arrived in Australia as an 11-year-old. Played for a number of Victorian clubs before joining **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club South Melbourne. He first played for Australia in 1986 against China and has since represented his country on 63 occasions ("A" Internationals), making him the highest capped Australian player in this squad.

IVANOVIC, Milan

21.12.60 • Sweeper • Adelaide City
Ht: 187 cms Wt: 80 kgs
"A" Internationals: 21 • Goals: 0

Played in the Yugoslav 1st Division with OFK Belgrade, then transferred to Red Star Belgrade where he played for 4 years before moving to Australia to play with **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club Adelaide City. First represented the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos in January 1991 against Czechoslovakia in Melbourne. Was voted 1990-91 player of the year and more recently won the Marston Medal for the best player in the 1992-93 **Coca-Cola** Soccer League Grand Final.

ZELIC, Ned

4.7.71 • Defender • Borussia Dortmund (Germany) • Ht: 185 cms • Wt: 81 kgs
"A" Internationals: 12 • Goals: 2

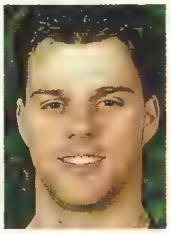
Represented the ACT from Junior (Under-14) to Youth (Under-19) level. A graduate of the Australian Institute of Sport he has progressed through the ranks from a member of the Australian Youth team to Captain of the **Coca-Cola** Olyroos. Many will remember Ned from his glorious goal against the Netherlands by which Australia qualified for the 1992 Olympic Games. Ned made his debut with the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos in February '91 when he came on as a substitute against Czechoslovakia. From here Ned has never looked back and now finds himself on the European stage with Borussia Dortmund.

TOBIN, Alex

5.4.66 • Midfielder • Adelaide City
Ht: 190 cms • Wt: 80 kgs
"A" Internationals: 35 • Goals: 1

Played for Birkalla in South Australia, then signed for **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club Adelaide City in 1984. He played in the 1984 World Youth Championships qualifying series. A member of the Adelaide City side which won the **Coca-Cola** Soccer League Championship in 1986 and the 1991/92 side which won the **Coca-Cola** Soccer League Championship and the NSL Cup. Alex won the Marston Medal for Best and Fairest in the 1991-92 **Coca-Cola** Soccer League Grand Final. Alex made his debut for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos as a substitute against IFK Gothenburg in January 1988.

VAN BLERK, Jason



16.3.68 • Midfielder • SC Go Ahead Eagles (Holland) • Ht: 186 cms Wt: 76 kgs
"A" Internationals: 17 • Goals: 1

Progressed from NSW Under-14 representative to National level and represented the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos in their tour of Indonesia and the President's Cup in Korea. A graduate from the Australian Institue of Sport, Jason made his first appearance for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos in Jakarta against Indonesia B where he scored two goals in their 7-0 victory. Jason's father, Cliff, also represented Australia in 1965 and 1967.

VEART, Carl

21.5.70 • Striker • Adelaide City
Ht: 184 cms • Wt: 77 kgs
"A" Internationals: 8 • Goals: 5

First played Senior soccer for South Australian side Salisbury United in 1986. Played both U/19's and seniors with South Australia prior to his selection with the **Coca-Cola** Olyroos for the Barcelona Olympics. Has scored in excess of 40 goals for his State and National sides. Currently plays with 1991/92 **Coca-Cola** Soccer League Champions, Adelaide City. Carl scored a goal on his debut with the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos in a World Cup qualifier against the Solomon Islands in September 1992.

VIDMAR, Aurelio

3.2.67 • Midfielder • SV Waregem (Belgium)
Ht: 180 cms • Wt: 72 kgs
"A" Internationals: 11 • Goals: 2

Aurelio played with **Coca-Cola** Soccer League Club Adelaide City before moving to Belgium to play with 1st Division Club Kortijk. Since then has signed for another Belgian club, SV Waregem. Aurelio made his debut for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos, celebrating his 21st Birthday, against Dynamo Zagreb in 1988 in Melbourne.

POLAK, Jason

9.1.68 • Midfielder • South Melbourne
Ht: 179 cms • Wt: 78 kgs
"A" Internationals: 10 • Goals: 0

Former **Coca-Cola** Young Socceroo who starred in the World Youth Championships in Chile in 1987. Played with **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club Sydney Olympic in 1988 and 1989 before moving to Greek 1st Division club Panathinaikos, then to Kortrijk (Belgium) where he played 14 games before moving to Dutch 1st Division Club, de Graafschap. Jason returned to Australia for the 1992-93 **Coca-Cola** Soccer League season and played for the Newcastle BHP Breakers. Another graduate from the AIS, Jason's first **Coca-Cola** Socceroo cap was against Fiji in December 1988, in a World Cup qualifier in Newcastle.

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BLAGOJEVIC, Milan

24.12.69 • Defender/Midfielder
SC Heerenveen (Holland) • Ht: 183 cms
Wt: 80 kgs • "A" Internationals: 6 • Goals: 0

A graduate from Apia-Leichhardt, he first broke into international prominence being a squad member for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos' game against England in June 1991 and later represented his country as a substitute in the President's Cup matches in South Korea that same year. Transferred from **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club Marconi-Fairfield and joined Belgian club Germinal Ekeren at the beginning of the 1992/93 season.

SLATER, Robbie

22.11.64 • Striker • RC Lens (France)
Ht: 179 cms • Wt: 92 kgs
"A" Internationals: 11 • Goals: 0

Made his debut in the **Coca-Cola** Soccer League at 17 with St George where he stayed for 4 years before moving to Sydney CSC in 1987. He then moved to French 1st Division club, R.C. Lens, where he has just completed his 2nd season. Made his debut as a **Coca-Cola** Socceroo against Glasgow Rangers in 1984. In 1992 voted Oceania Player of the Year.

FARINA, Frank

5.9.64 • Striker • RC Strasbourg (France)
Ht: 178 cms • Wt: 78 kgs
"A" Internationals: 35 • Goals: 10

A graduate from the Australian Institute of Sport, Frank started his playing career with Canberra Arrows before moving to Sydney City in 1984, then to **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club Marconi-Fairfield in 1987. In 1988 he was signed by Belgian 1st Division giants, Club Brugges where he topped the Belgian scorers' chart which won him a million dollar transfer to Italian 1st Division side Bari the following season. Frank's debut for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos was when he came on as substitute against Nottingham Forrest in May, 1984.

LAZARIDIS, Stan

15.8.72 • Defender • West Adelaide
Ht: 180 cms • Wt: 75 kgs
"A" Internationals: 2 • Goals: 0

Originally from Perth, playing for the Perth Italia club and studying to be a Physical Education teacher. Stan recently moved to West Adelaide after starring for the Western Australian State team and has had a meteoric rise to **Coca-Cola** Socceroo level. Stan has just completed an excellent season under coach Raul Blanco in Adelaide, where he played for the West Adelaide Sharks.

DURAKOVIC, Mehmet

13.10.65 • Defender • South Melbourne
Ht: 178 cms • Wt: 72 kgs
"A" Internationals: 29 • Goals: 2

Moved from Melbourne J.U.S.T. to **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club South Melbourne, in 1989. Made his debut as a substitute for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos against Moscow Torpedo in February 1990. Played against England in 1991 and in 4 President's Cup matches in Korea in 1991. Has been a regular **Coca-Cola** Socceroo since. Mehmet is tagged Australia's "second goalkeeper" due to his ability in clearing certain goals off the line.

LONGO, Dominic

23.8.70 • Defender • Cercle Brugge (Belgium)
Ht: 184 cms • Wt: 84 kgs
"A" Internationals: 2 • Goals: 0

Originally from Tasmania, Dominic won a scholarship to the Australian Institue of Sport. After playing for Blacktown and St George, Dominic won selection to the Australian **Coca-Cola** Joeys, **Coca-Cola** Young Socceroos and the **Coca-Cola** Olyroos. Dominic played for **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club Newcastle Breakers in the 1991-92 **Coca-Cola** Soccer League season before heading off to Belgium after the Barcelona Olympics. He made his debut for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos against FC Twente in November, 1992.

CORICA, Steve

24.3.73 • Striker • Marconi-Fairfield
Ht: 177 cms • Wt: 74 kgs
"A" Internationals: 4 • Goals: 0

Originally from Innisfail in Far North Qld, Steve played for Queensland representative squads and then graduated to the Australian Schoolboys, the **Coca-Cola** Joeys, the **Coca-Cola** Young Socceroos, the **Coca-Cola** Olyroos and now the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos, the only player to have achieved this honour. A member of Marconi-Fairfield's winning Grand Final team in the 1992-3 **Coca-Cola** Soccer League and voted the **Coca-Cola** Soccer League's Under 21 Player of the Year.

SCHWARZER, Mark

6.10.72 • Goalkeeper • Marconi-Fairfield
Ht: 193 cms • Wt: 85 kgs
"A" Internationals: 2

Made his debut for the **Coca-Cola** Soceroos in dramatic circumstances in Canada when Robert Zabica was sent from the field in the World Cup Qualifier in Edmonton. Mark went on to play a starring role in Australia's 2nd leg victory over Canada at the SFS, saving twice in the penalty shootout. Mark was a member of Marconi-Fairfield's Grand Final winning side of 1993.

VIDMAR, Tony

4.7.70 • Defender • Adelaide City
Ht: 187 cms • Wt: 78 kgs
"A" Internationals: 10 • Goals: 0

Has represented both the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos and the Australian Olympic Team. Regular with **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club, Adelaide City and younger brother of Aurelio Vidmar. Made his return to the **Coca-Cola** Socceroo squad against AC Milan in Sydney. Travelled with the team to Canada and played in the return match at the Sydney Football Stadium.

MITCHELL, David

13.6.62 • Striker • Millwall (England)
Ht: 187 cms • Wt: 83 kgs
"A" Internationals: 29 • Goals: 11

Developed as a player in Australia, playing with the now defunct club, Sydney City, before moving abroad to commence his career as a professional footballer. Played with Glasgow Rangers in Scotland, Feyenoord in The Netherlands, Chelsea, Newcastle and Swindon Town in England. Recently signed with English club Millwall after returning to the UK from an unsuccessful stint in Turkey.

BOSNICH, Mark

13.1.72 • Goalkeeper • Aston Villa (England)
Ht: 183 cms • Wt: 85 kgs
"A" Internationals: 2

Recipient of the Mastercard Award following his performance in the 1991 World Youth Championships in Portugal, Mark originally played with **Coca-Cola** Soccer League club Sydney CSC. He served an apprenticeship with Manchester United before signing with his current club Aston Villa in the English Premier League. Last season, after impressing coach Ron Atkinson, Mark found himself as No. 1 goalkeeper at Aston Villa for the last 18 games, conceding only 11 goals. A member of the **Coca-Cola** Olympic team, Bosnich was promoted by coach Eddie Thomson to the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos and made his debut as a substitute in the game against Moscow Torpedo in January, 1990.

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ARGENTINA'S WORLD CUP QUEST

By MICHAEL COCKERILL

THESE MAY BE anxious times for Argentine football, what with a 5-0 humiliation at the hands of Colombia (and in the Stadio Monumental of all places) fresh in the memory, but nobody would deny that the twice world champions will still start warm favourites to beat Australia in the decisive World Cup play-offs which open at the SFS tonight.

Not a happy hunting ground for Argentina, certainly, but the SFS turf will nonetheless be graced by some of the most dynamic, and determined, players on the world stage. Memories of a 4-1 hiding at the same ground five years ago are still carried by one survivor, reserve goalkeeper Luis Islas, and on their second visit to this city the Argentines will be determined to make amends.

It is hard to believe that the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos have found themselves pitted against one of the true powers of world football — participants in three of the past four World Cup finals — in the last stage of their odyssey to qualify for the final tournament. Perhaps only FIFA can comprehend the logic of this match-up, which has probably surprised the Argentines themselves.

That, of course, is another story and the script which currently occupies the thoughts of **Coca-Cola** Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson is how his relatively unfancied team can upset the visitors, who until their two losses to Colombia had boasted an unbeaten run of 31 matches which included the 1993 Copa America title.

Thomson was in Buenos Aires to view the Colombian debacle, and alongside him was his assistant Raul Blanco, born in Argentina. Coupled with the first hand experience gained from last year's friendly match at the same stadium — when a scandalous penalty decision gained by Gabriel Batistuta set the Argentines on the way to a 2-0 victory — the Australian coaching staff has compiled a dossier of strengths and weaknesses. Unfortunately for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos, there aren't too many entries in the latter category.

At the time of going to press the composition of the Argentine squad was not known, except that Simeone of Sevilla and skipper Oscar Ruggeri of Mexican club America would both be missing after picking up two cautions in the previous qualifying rounds. Other than that, and given coach Alfio Basile's habit of constantly altering his side, the variables remain considerable but the message stays the same.

"We have lost a battle, but not the war," he told SBS recently. "If we return to our natural game, we can recapture our form. We have to beat Australia, but they cannot be underestimated. Australian soccer is on the way up as it proved at the Barcelona Olympics. But in soccer you can't play simply to get a result. We are going there (Sydney) to win."

What is certain is that the undisputed king of the penalty saves, Sergio Goycochea, will stand in goals for Argentina, behind a flat back four marshalled by Jorge Borelli, while in midfield the artistic talents and great vision of Fernando Redondo will be expected to provide

the ammunition for a strike force likely to contain Batistuta and either Ramon Medina Bello, Italian based Abel Balbo or Diego Maradona.

The traditional strengths of the Argentine game — bite in the tackle, mobility and flexibility in the key positions, marvellous close skills, pace in the attacking zone and variety at set pieces — will again be in evidence tonight. Less obvious but equally important will be the tremendous experience, and cunning, of the Argentines who have proved time and again in the past that they have unequalled mental strength in pressure situations.

Away from home, certainly, and undoubtedly affected by the Colombian defeat, the Argentines will nonetheless start tonight's match as marginal favourites. How well the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos can deal with the psychology of the situation may well determine the outcome of the match.

The original Argentine World Cup training squad was:

GOALKEEPERS: Sergio Goycochea (Olimpa Asuncion, Paraguay), Luis Islas (Independiente)

DEFENDERS: Nestor Craviotto (Independiente), Fabian Basualdo (River Plate), Jorge Borelli (Racing Club), Roberto Ayaia (Boca Juniors), Victor Sotomayor (Velez Sarsfield), Carlos MacAllister (Boca Juniors), Julio Saldana (Newell's Old Boys), Oscar Ruggeri (America, Mexico), Sergio Vazquez (Universidad Catolica, Chile), Fernando Caceres (River Plate)

MIDFIELDERS: Gustavo Zapato (River Plate), Alejandro Mancuso (club unknown), Jose Basualdo (Velez Sarsfield), Diego Maradona (Newell's Old Boys), Nestor Gorosito (San Lorenzo), Fernando Redondo (Tenerife, Spain), Diego Simeone (Seville, Spain).

FORWARDS: Leo Rodrigues (Atalanta, Italy), Ramon Medina Bello (River Plate), Alberto Acosta (River Plate), Abel Balbo (AS Roma, Italy), Jose Chamot (Foggia, Italy), Gabriel Batistuta (Fiorentina, Italy)

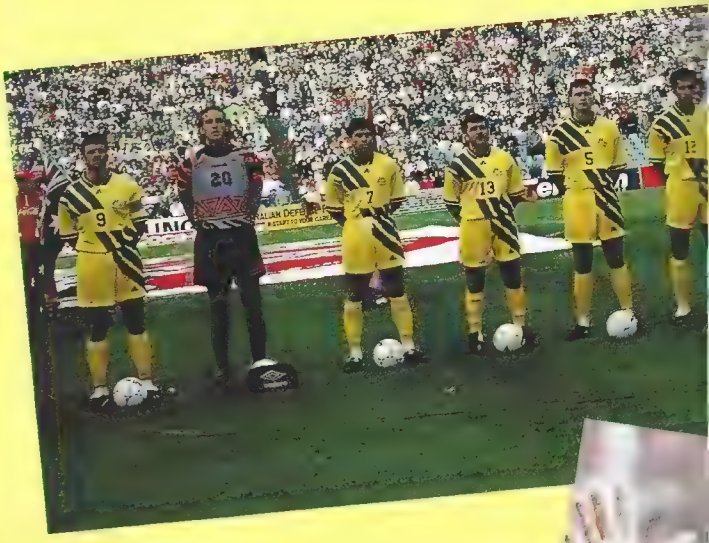
COACH: Alfio Basile

Coca-Cola SOCCEROOS

1 Mark Bosnich
2 Milan Blagojevic
3 Dominic Longo
4 Ned Zelic
5 Alex Tobin
6 Paul Wade
7 Frank Farina
8 Aurelio Vidmar
9 Graham Arnold
10 Jason Van Blerk
11 Robbie Slater
12 Milan Ivanovic
13 Mehmet Durakovic
14 Stan Lazaridis
15 Carl Veart
16 David Mitchell
17 Steve Corica
18 Jason Polak
19 Tony Vidmar
20 Robert Zabica
21 Mark Schwarzer

TEAM COLOURS:

Yellow-Green Trim Shirt
Yellow Shorts
Yellow Socks



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ARGENTINA

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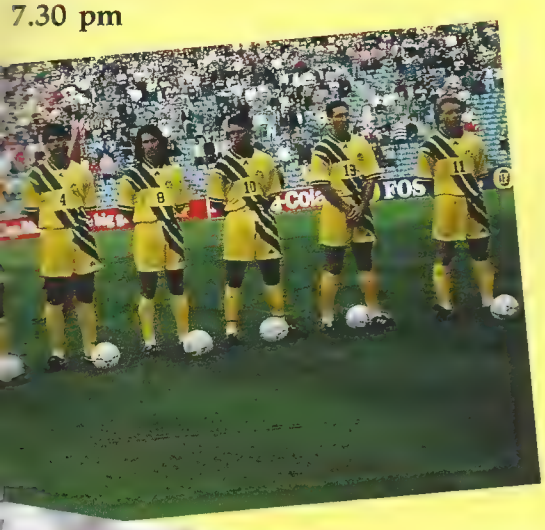

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- ☐ Sergio Goycochea
- ☐ Gabriel Batistuta
- ☐ Abel Balbo
- ☐ José Basualdo
- ☐ Jorge Borelli
- ☐ Fernando Careres
- ☐ José Chamot
- ☐ Carlos Mac Allister
- ☐ Diego A. Maradona
- ☐ Ramón Medina Bello
- ☐ Hugo Perez
- ☐ Fernando Redondo
- ☐ Leonardo Rodriguez
- ☐ Victor Sotomayor
- ☐ Sergio Vazquez
- ☐ Gustavo Zapata
- ☐ Norberto Scoponi
- ☐ Luis Islas

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4 September 1992 **Honiara, Solomon Islands**	**Coca-Cola** Socceroos 2 V Solomon Islands 1 *Scorers:* Carl Veart, Tom McCulloch
11 September 1992 **Papeete, Tahiti**	**Coca-Cola** Socceroos 3 V Tahiti 0 *Scorers:* Damien Mori, Carl Veart, Paul Wade
20 September 1992 **Brisbane, Australia**	**Coca-Cola** Socceroos 2 V Tahiti 0 *Scorers:* Mehmet Durakovic, Carl Veart
26 September 1992 **Newcastle, Australia**	**Coca-Cola** Socceroos 6 V Solomon Islands 1 *Scorers:* Mehmet Durakovic, Paul Wade, Aytec Genc, Ian Grey, Greg Brown, Carl Veart
30 May 1993 **Auckland, New Zealand**	**Coca-Cola** Socceroos 1 V New Zealand 0 *Scorer:* Graham Arnold
6 June 1993 **Melbourne, Australia**	**Coca-Cola** Socceroos 3 V New Zealand 0 *Scorers:* Carl Veart, Aurelio Vidmar, Ned Zelic
31 July 1993 **Edmonton, Canada**	**Coca-Cola** Socceroos 1 V Canada 2 *Scorer:* Own goal
15 August 1993 **Sydney, Australia**	**Coca-Cola** Socceroos 2 V Canada 1 *Scorers:* Frank Farina, Mehmet Durakovic *Penalty Shootout:* Paul Wade, Alex Tobin, Aurelio Vidmar, Frank Farina

Previous FIFA World Cup, Olympic Games and Youth Tournament Appearances

1974 FIFA World Cup
West Germany

1988 Olympic Games
Seoul, Korea — Quarter-Finalist

1991 FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup (Under-20)
Portugal — Semi-Finalist

1991 FIFA/JVC Cup (Under-17)
Italy — Quarter-Finalist

1992 Olympic Games
Barcelona, Spain — Semi-Finalist

1993 FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup (Under-20)
Australia — Semi-Finalist

1993 FIFA/JVC Cup (Under-17)
Japan — Quarter-Finalist

ARGENTINA PLAYER PROFILES

Sergio J. Goycochea

Born: 17.10.63 at Buenos Aires
Goalkeeper
Club: River Plate

40 Internationals. Debut against Italy 10.6.87 (1-3)

One of the best in the world in his position. Renowned for his capacity to save penalties.

Diego A. Maradona

Born: 30.10.60 at Buenos Aires
Midfield
Club: Newell's Old Boys

81 Internationals. Debut against Hungary 27.2.77 (5-0)

Considered the best player currently playing and has had lengthy experience in both Italy and Spain — scorer of 32 goals for his country. Plenty of experience of World Cup soccer. Captain of Argentina in many matches wearing his well known No. 10 shirt.

Gabriel Batistuta

Born: 1.2.69 at Santa Fe
Forward
Club: Fiorentina F.C.

25 Internationals. Debut against Brazil 27.6.91 (1-1)

Striker who has scored 17 goals for his country. Good taker of free kicks.

Carlos MacAllister

Born: 6.3.68 at La Pampa
Left back
Club: Boca Juniors

Uncapped.

Recent addition to the squad after gaining a good reputation as a calm and cool defender despite his small build.

Victor Sotomayor

Born: 21.10.68 at Cordoba
Fullback
Club: Velez Sarsfield

Uncapped.

Excellent last season after spending two years playing in Italy. Renowned for his marking and he passes the opposition with great skill.

Jorge Borelli

Born: 2.11.64 at Buenos Aires
Fullback/Stopper
Club: Racing Club

11 Internationals. Debut against Denmark 24.2.93 (1-1)

Good technical skills both in his defensive work and initiating attacks.

Leonardo Rodriguez

Born: 27.8.66 at Buenos Aires
Centre Midfield
Club: Atalanta — Italy

26 Internationals. Debut against Venezuela 8.7.91 (3-0)

José Basualdo

Born: 20.6.63 at Buenos Aires
Midfield
Club: Velez Sarsfield

27 Internationals. Debut against Colombia 9.3.89 (0-1)

His experience in Germany has helped make him a mature player. He was an integral part of the '90 World Cup team.

At the time of printing, every effort was made to include the latest and most accurate team information. — *Editor*

Gustavo Zapata

Born: 15.10.67 at Buenos Aires
Midfield/Sweeper
Club: Yokahoma (Japan)

17 Internationals. Debut against Mexico 13.3.91 (0-0)

A disciplined player who left River Plate to go to Japan. A member of the victorious 1991 Americas Cup.

Fernando Caceres

Born: 7.12.69
Defender
Club: Zaragoza

Luis A. Islas

Born: 22.12.65 at Buenos Aires
Goalkeeper
Club: Independiente

23 Internationals. Debut against Switzerland 1.9.84 (2-0)

Excellent physique and skill but can be temperamental. Played in Spain.

José Chamot

Born: 17.5.69 at Entre Rios
Stopper
Club: Foggia (Italy)

Uncapped

Well known for his close marking of opponents and good skill in the air.

Abel Balbo

Born: 1.6.66 at Santa Fe
Forward
Club: AS Roma (Italy)

10 Internationals. Debut against Colombia 9.3.89 (0-1).

One of the most expensive players in Italian soccer — played for Udinese before Roma. Member of the 1990 World Cup team. Good technically with a powerful shot.

Fernando Redondo

Born: 6.6.69 at Buenos Aires
Centre Midfield
Club: Tenerife (Spain)

15 Internationals. Debut against Austria 20.6.92 (2-0).

Very powerful left foot. Did not play for five months after last Americas Cup but has made an excellent comeback in the elimination matches.

Ramon Bello

Born: 2.9.66 at Entre Rios
Striker
Club: River Plate

14 Internationals. Debut against Hungary 19.2.91 (2-0).

Very powerful in front of goal.

Sergio Vazquez

Born: 23.11.65 at Capital Federal
Defender
Club: Universidad Católica (Chile)

22 Internationals. Debut against Brazil 27.3.91 (3-3).

Stylish player who is prepared to take chances to play attractive football.

Noberto Scoponi

Born: 13.1.61 at Santa Fe
Goalkeeper
Club: Newell's Old Boys

Hugo Perez

Born: 6.9.68
Midfield
Club: Independiente

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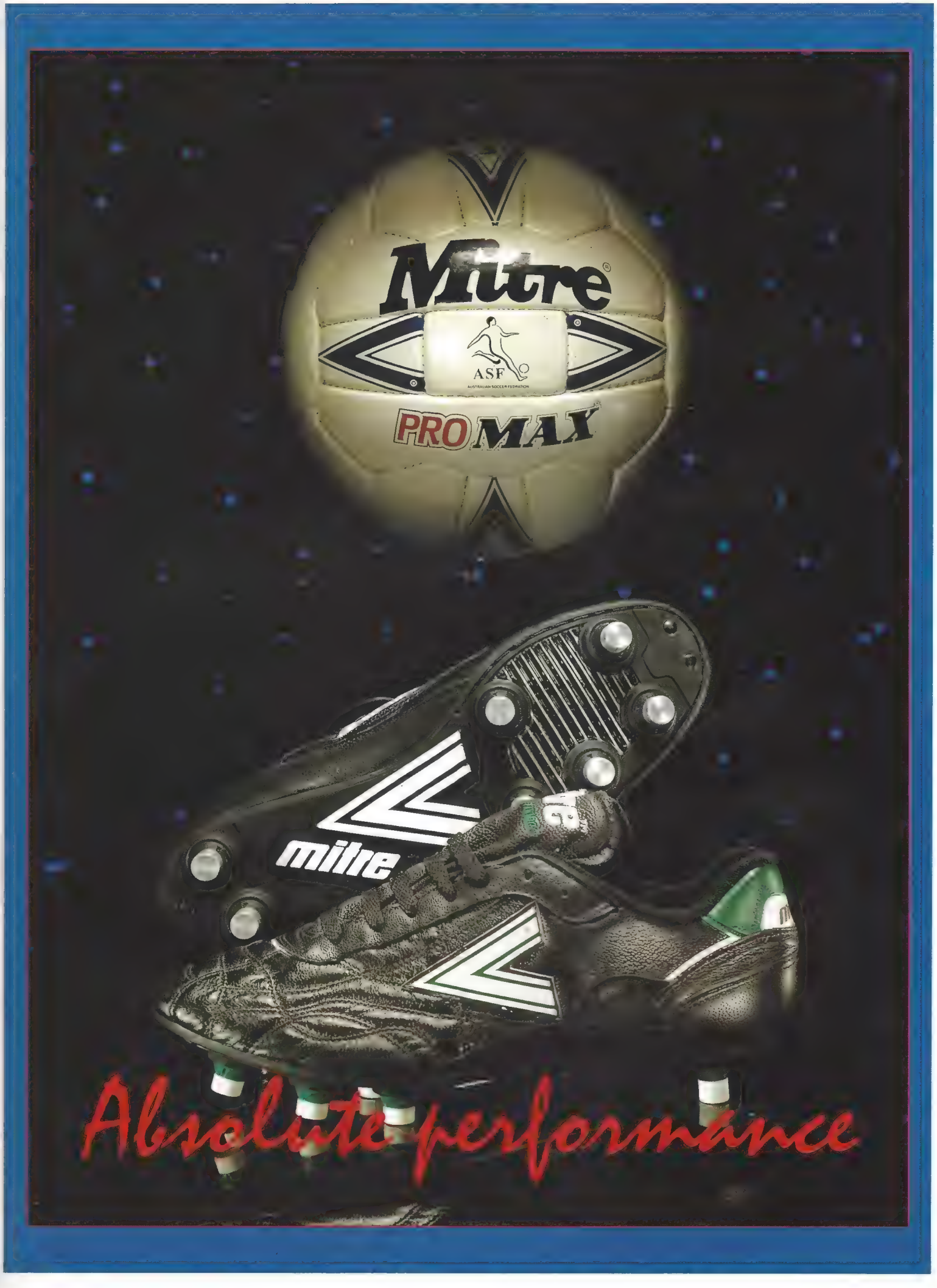
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THE WAY TO THE USA

By RAY GATT

AFTER 14 MONTHS on the long and winding path to the World Cup finals in the USA next year, it has all come down to this for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos — two make-or-break matches against former world champions Argentina.

Just 180 minutes against the aristocrats of world soccer separates us from a slice of sporting history and footballing oblivion for another five years. Not since Rale Rasic took the Socceroos to the World Cup finals in West Germany in 1974 has Australia played in the "Greatest Show on Earth".

While the current **Coca-Cola** Socceroos' road to the finals is nowhere near the epic proportions of the '74 squad they have, nonetheless, been given no favours — nor have they expected any — by FIFA, the sport's world governing body.

A lot of hard work, sacrifices, hours and hours of training, thousands of kilometres of travelling and much joy — and some heartbreak — have gone into this preparation which has taken in eight games and three separate qualifying competitions up to this point.

It all started back in early September last year when coach Eddie Thomson and his crusaders trekked to Melanesia for the start of the Oceania qualifiers.

The expected landslide victories against the Solomon Islands and Tahiti on their home territory did not eventuate, Australia found the humid climate and unsuitable playing surfaces not to their liking and struggled to a 2-1 win over the Solomons in Honiara and a slightly easier 3-0 win over Tahiti in Papeete.

Incredibly, it was only substitute Tommy McCulloch's 86th minute winner which saved the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos from total embarrassment against the Solomons. A week later Damien Mori, Carl Veart and Paul Wade scored against Tahiti to give us maximum points leading up to the return matches in Australia.

The **Coca-Cola** Socceroos, minus the overseas stars for the opening qualifiers, completed the formalities at home, winning 2-0 over Tahiti at Perry Park in Brisbane after having midfielder Mike Petersen sent off and 6-1 over the Solomons at Mitre 10 Stadium in Newcastle.

Interestingly, Parramatta Eagles midfielder Aytec Genc and Marconi-Fairfield's Ian Gray starred in Newcastle but, like a number of players, they did not figure in the qualifying matches against New Zealand and Canada later in the piece.

So, after the initial stages, the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos managed maximum points (8) and a for and against record of 13-2, thus setting up the next phase challenge against arch rivals and previous Cup campaign wreckers, New Zealand.

This time Thomson brought in the heavy guns, calling on a large contingent of our overseas-based players such as Graham Arnold, Ned Zelic, Jason van Blerk, Mark Bosnich, Dominic Longo, Aurelio Vidmar, Robbie Slater, Frank Farina, Vlado Bozinoski and Milan Blagojevic for the battle against the All Whites.

The **Coca-Cola** Socceroos' travelling circus hit the road again to play the Kiwis in the first leg at Mt Smart Stadium in Auckland — a far from happy hunting ground which saw our elimination from the 1990 World Cup when we were beaten 2-0. Little wonder there was fear and trepidation leading up to the opening game on May 30 on a cold and typically windy Auckland day.

After a nervous and slow start in which the Kiwis were lucky to survive an early Aussie attack, the home side found their feet and caused some problems before they went into the break at 0-0.

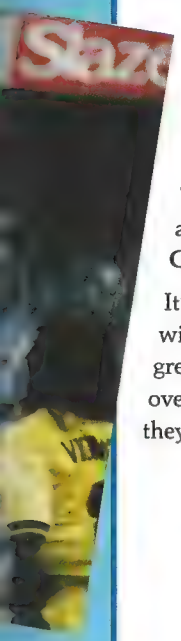
Thankfully for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos, Arnold provided that little bit of needed inspiration to score in the second half and substitute Carl Veart could have made a name for himself had he not missed two open chances.

Australia returned to Melbourne for the return leg on June 6 at Olympic Park and demolished the New Zealanders with a brilliant first half display of attacking football which saw Carl Veart and Aurelio Vidmar score in the opening three minutes before Zelic added a third in the second half. Robbie Slater was a standout as man of the series.

Now for Canada, who had finished runner-up to the brilliant Mexicans in the CONCACAF section.

The Canadians, despite thoughts to the contrary, were not to be a pushover.

Indeed, despite an own goal inspired by the brilliance of Zelic, the Canadians hit back to score two goals early in the second half before winning the first leg in Edmonton 2-1 on July 31 after Aussie 'keeper Robert Zabica was sent off after 15 minutes.



The Canucks were now full of confidence knowing they needed only to draw the return leg in Sydney at the Sydney Football Stadium on August 15 for a showdown with a South American opponent, later to be Argentina.

The scene was now set for an epic battle in Sydney and 25,000 fans turned out in force to cheer the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos. They were not to be disappointed.

It's history now, but I'll never forget — and neither will those lucky enough to be at the SFS — one of the great days in Australian soccer as the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos overcame the Canadians in a penalty shoot-out after they had led 2-1 at the end of extra time.

Certainly, I doubt if we have ever seen a better 45 minutes of football than that turned on by the Australians in the first half. It was scintillating stuff as we tore the Canadian defence apart. Farina and Vidmar were devastating, but all we had to show for our efforts was a superb overhead goal from Farina on the stroke of halftime.

Typically, the Canadians came back in the second half and scored a soft goal before that terrier, Mehmet Durakovic, headed home a spectacular goal which sent the game into extra time. When neither side could break the deadlock, the game went into penalties.

And, a new Australian soccer hero was born — goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer. The Marconi 'keeper saved two penalties in the shootout and became an instant celebrity in the media the next day.

One only wonders what the next instalment will bring for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos.

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AUSTRALIA: COACHING & MEDICAL STAFF

NATIONAL COACH

EDDIE THOMSON

Date of Birth:
25th February, 1947

Playing Career:
Scottish Premier Division
8 years — Heart of Midlothian
4 years — Aberdeen
North American Soccer League
1 year — San Antonio Thunder
Australia
3 years — Sydney City

Playing Honours:
Scottish U/23 International, Scottish League Select

Coaching Career:
7 years — Sydney City — Manager Coach
3 years — Sydney Olympic — Manager Coach
Australian Staff Coach
Scottish FA full badge holder
FIFA Coach
1 year — National Director of Coaching

Coaching Honours — Club:
Sydney City — won every honour in NSL
1981, 1984, 1985 — Australian Coach of the Year
1989 — Sydney Olympic — Grand Finalist and NSL Cup Finalist

Coaching Honours — International:
5 years — Assistant National Coach
1990- — National Coach

ASSISTANT NATIONAL COACH

LES SCHEINFLUG
NATIONAL YOUTH COACH

Date of Birth:
1st October, 1938

Playing Career:
1957-1968 — Sydney FC Prague
1969-1970 — Marconi Fairfield
(Player-Coach)

Playing Honours:
1964-1968 — 11 appearances in National Team
1965 — Australia's first World Cup Captain — v North Korea
1965 — Scored Australia's first ever World Cup goal v North Korea

Coaching Career:
1974 — Assistant National Coach — World Cup Finals
1979-1981 — Assistant National Coach
1981-1984 — National Coach
1981-1983 — National Youth Coach
1986- — National Youth Coach
1990- — Assistant National Coach

Coaching Honours — International:
1981 — Quarter Finalists — Australia U/20 WYC
1983 — Finals Series — Mexico U/20 WYC
1987 — Finals Series — Chile U/20 WYC
1989 — Qualification Series Play-Offs, Qatar and New Zealand U/20 WYC
1991 — Semi Finalists — Portugal U/20 WYC, equal third place
1993 — Semi Finalists — Australia U/20 WYC
1991 — Quarter Finalists — U/17 FIFA/JVC Cup — Italy
1993 — Quarter Finalists — U/17 FIFA/JCV Cup — Japan

ASSISTANT NATIONAL COACH

RAUL BLANCO
ASSISTANT NATIONAL YOUTH COACH

Date of Birth:
4th December, 1941

Playing Career:
1962-1966 — Arsenal de Sarandi (Argentina — Division 2)
1967-1972 — Sydney FC Prague
1972-1973 — Sydney Olympic

Coaching Career:
1977-1979 — Parramatta Eagles
1980-1981 — St George
1982 — Marconi-Fairfield
1982 — Charity Cup (Marconi-Fairfield)
1983-1984 — Parramatta Eagles
1988-1991 — Dock Sud (Argentina — Division 2)
1991-1992 — Parramatta Eagles
1991 — NSL Cup (Parramatta Eagles)
1992- — West Adelaide Sharks

Coaching Honours — International (Assistant Youth Coach):
1981 — Quarter Finalists — Australia U/20 WYC
1983 — Finals Series — Mexico U/20 WYC
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PHYSIOTHERAPIST

PEDRO RUZ

Pedro has been involved with the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos since 1986. He has been to two Olympic Games, Seoul and Barcelona. He was also part of the team in the 1991 FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup in Portugal and this year's FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup in Australia.

TEAM DOCTOR

DR SIRI KANNANGARA

Dr Kannangara has been involved in Australian Soccer since 1979.
Dr Kannangara was one of the doctors for the 1992 Olympic team that travelled to Barcelona. He was also one of the team doctors for the **Coca-Cola** Young Socceroos in this year's FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup.

HEAD OF DELEGATION

TONY LABBOZZETTA

Current President of Club Marconi.
Tony has been Head of Delegation for the current **Coca-Cola** Socceroos' World Cup campaign, which has consisted of matches in Tahiti, Solomon Islands, New Zealand and Canada.

ARGENTINA: ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL COACH

ALFIO BASILE

Date of birth:
3.11.43 at Bahia Blanca (Provincia Buenos Aires)

Playing History:
1959 to 1970 — Racing Club
1966 to 1969 — Integrante Argentine National Selection
1971 to 1975 — Club A Huracan

Coaching History:
1975 — 1976 — 1977 — 1978 — Chacarita Juniors — Rosario Central and Racing Club
1979 & 1980 — Racing of Cordoba
1981 — Instituto Atletico Central Cordoba
1982 — Nacional (Montevideo) — Huracan
1983 — 1984 — Talleres of Corboda — Racing of Cordoba
1984 — 1985 — Velez Sarsfield
1986 — 1987 — 1988 — Racing Club
1989 — 1990 — Velez Sarsfield
1990 — Appointed National Coach

ASSISTANT NATIONAL COACH

REINALDO C. MERLO

Date of birth:
20.5.50 at Buenos Aires

Playing History:
1962 to 1984 — Club A River Plate
1972 — Argentine National Selection

Coaching History:
1987 — Club A Los Andes
1989 — Club A River Plate
1990 — Club A River Plate
1990 — Appointed Assistant National Coach

NATIONAL PHYSICAL COACH

RICARDO H. ECHEVARRIA

Date of birth:
18.3.37 at Buenos Aires

History:
1965 to 1978 — Estudiantes of La plata
1979 — San Lorenzo of Almagro
1980 — 1981 — Colombia National Selection
1982 — Estudiantes of La Plata
1983 to 1993 — Argentine National Selection

MEDICAL OFFICER

DR ERNEST UGALDE

TEAM ADJUTANT

RUBEN DIAZ

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NO PASSOUTS ARE ISSUED.

REFRESHMENTS

Food — Four major self serve food and drink outlets, serving a range of hot and cold food and drink, are located in each corner of the Concourse. Snack bars for upper decks are located on Level 2.

Liquor — Bars are located alongside the major food outlets and are conveniently located to adjacent seating areas.
PLEASE NOTE THAT ALCOHOLIC DRINKS WILL NOT BE SOLD TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

BEHAVIOUR

Where behaviour becomes disruptive to the enjoyment of other patrons, offending persons will be removed from the Stadium. Patrons adversely affected by the actions of other spectators should report such incidents to the Police or attendants.

Our licence does not allow the bringing of alcohol onto the premises.

TOILETS

Toilets are located adjacent to Bays 2-4, Bays 10-16, Bays 22-27 and Bays 32-38 as well as Levels 2 and 3 of the Upper Decks.

TELEPHONES

Card and coin-operated telephones are located throughout the Stadium.

LOST CHILDREN

Should you come across a lost child please make them known to an attendant or to the Police. Children will be looked after until collected.

EMERGENCY HELP

The St Johns Ambulance Brigade will be on duty during the evening. Should their assistance be required in the event of accident or illness please enquire from the attendants or the Police. First Aid rooms are located on the Concourse opposite Bay 33.

ATTENDANTS

For your comfort and safety, Sydney Football Stadium attendants are identified by their distinctive coats and will be on duty throughout the Stadium.

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1994 FIFA WORLD CUP VENUES

WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	Site	Champion	Runner-up
1930	Uruguay	Uruguay	Argentina
1934	Italy	Italy	Czechoslovakia
1938	France	Italy	Hungary
1950	Brazil	Uruguay	Brazil
1954	Switzerland	West Germany	Hungary
1958	Sweden	Brazil	Sweden
1962	Chile	Brazil	Czechoslovakia
1966	England	England	West Germany
1970	Mexico	Brazil	Italy
1974	West Germany	West Germany	Netherlands
1978	Argentina	Argentina	Netherlands
1982	Spain	Italy	West Germany
1986	Mexico	Argentina	West Germany
1990	Italy	West Germany	Argentina

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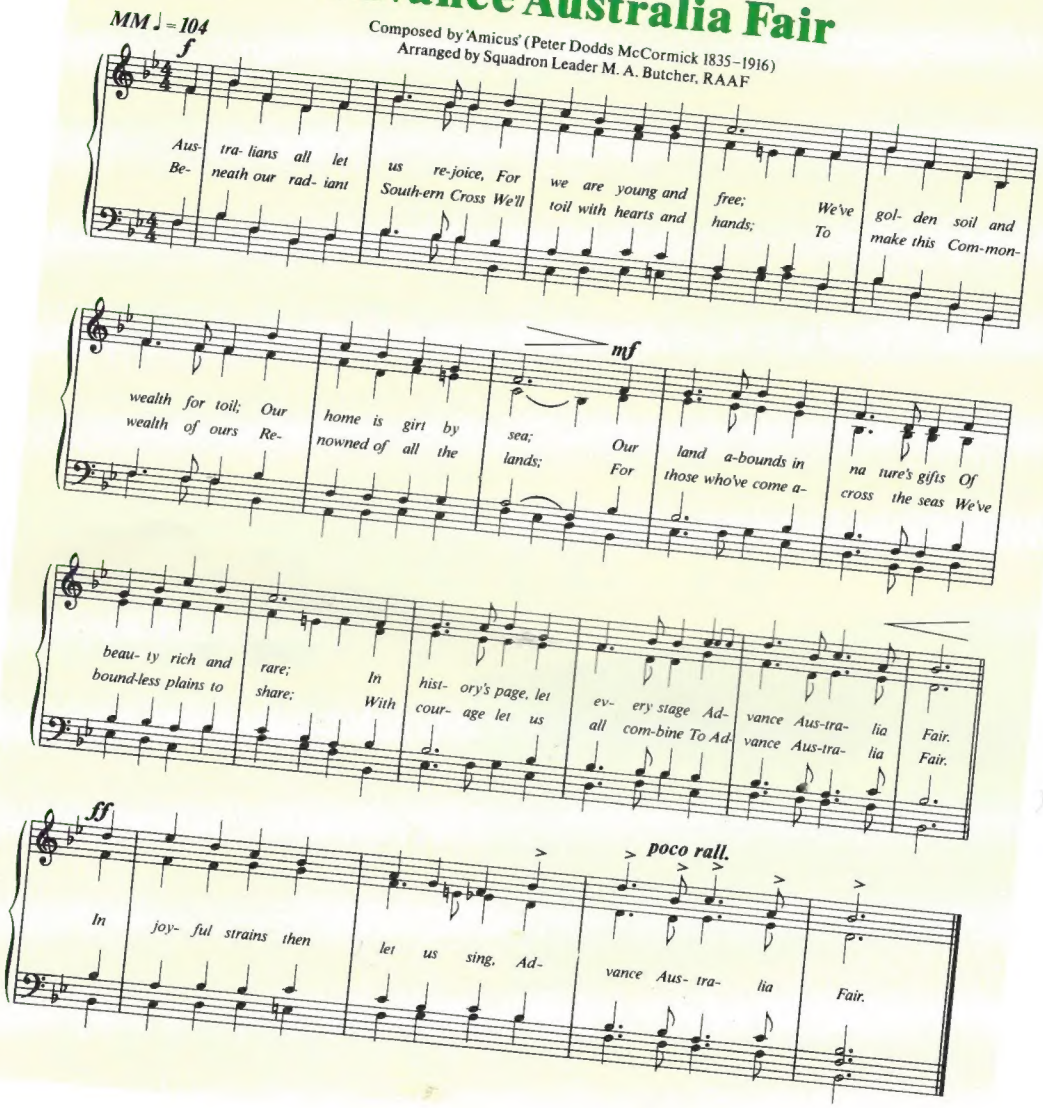
Advance Australia Fair

Composed by 'Amicus' (Peter Dodds McCormick 1835–1916)
Arranged by Squadron Leader M. A. Butcher, RAAF



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